

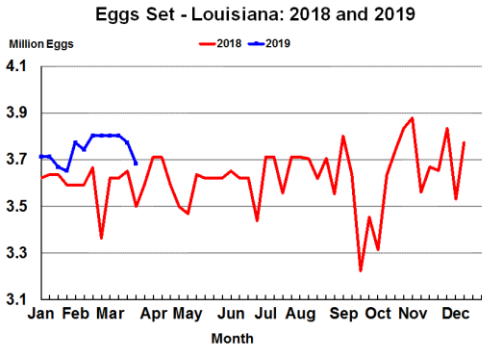
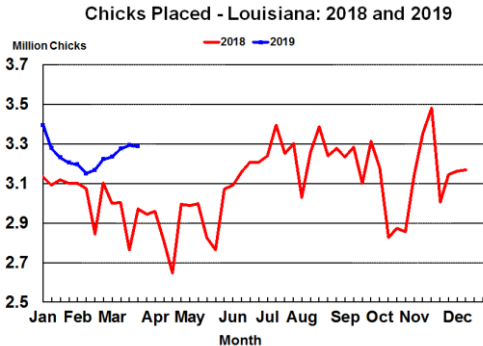


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Chick Placements Up 11 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Louisiana were 3.29 million during the week ending March 23, 2019. Placements were up 11 percent from the comparable week in 2018 but down slightly from the previous week.

Louisiana hatcheries set 3.68 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending March 23, 2019, up 5 percent from the same period last year but down 2 percent from the previous week.



Broiler-Type Eggs Set and Chicks Placed - Selected States and United States: 2019

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	23-Feb	2-Mar	9-Mar	16-Mar	23-Mar	23-Feb	2-Mar	9-Mar	16-Mar	23-Mar
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	31,383	31,677	29,980	30,138	30,152	22,978	22,190	21,098	21,851	21,307
Arkansas	25,004	24,898	25,181	24,410	24,621	20,982	24,162	22,522	22,721	23,122
Delaware	5,342	5,127	5,326	5,297	5,263	5,477	5,061	5,204	5,500	5,426
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,221	1,342	1,334	1,230	1,324
Georgia	34,406	34,627	34,760	34,788	34,100	27,515	27,917	28,857	27,458	27,759
Kentucky	7,803	7,760	7,621	7,791	7,783	6,209	5,788	6,836	6,217	6,041
Louisiana	3,803	3,803	3,803	3,773	3,682	3,222	3,234	3,275	3,293	3,286
Maryland	8,253	8,204	8,036	8,295	7,572	5,850	6,005	5,612	6,145	5,582
Mississippi	18,655	16,719	18,290	17,951	18,880	15,521	15,577	15,814	15,969	13,806
Missouri	8,478	8,421	8,717	8,151	8,549	6,069	4,789	6,140	6,503	5,522
N. Carolina	23,252	24,136	24,226	24,333	24,330	18,746	17,583	18,709	19,657	19,143
Oklahoma	7,683	7,505	7,585	7,885	7,643	4,653	3,260	3,728	3,552	4,566
Pennsylvania	5,220	5,167	5,167	5,138	5,084	3,909	3,810	3,839	3,810	3,853
S. Carolina	5,906	5,832	5,936	5,926	6,036	5,189	5,265	4,206	4,191	4,909
Texas	17,256	17,249	17,359	17,405	17,207	13,653	13,649	13,875	13,812	13,846
Virginia	6,489	6,621	6,469	6,394	6,459	5,615	5,935	5,603	5,302	5,680
CA,TN & WV	12,693	12,653	12,608	12,299	12,059	9,990	10,189	9,915	11,211	11,344
Other States	9,665	9,747	9,831	10,221	9,806	7,321	7,379	7,755	7,631	7,297
U.S. Total	232,516	231,371	232,089	231,389	230,420	184,178	183,511	184,198	185,719	184,038
% of Prev. Year	102	101	102	101	102	102	101	101	102	100

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 230 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 23, 2019, up 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 81.2 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 184 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 23, 2019, up slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 5, 2019 through March 23, 2019 for the United States were 2.20 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.